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NEW DISTRICT CLERK

J. P. Mitchell Has Resigned and W. E. Martin Appointed to Vacancy.

Judge Frank W. Parker Monday appointed William E. Martin of Socorro clerk of the Third Judicial District headquarters at Las Cruces, to succeed J. P. Mitchell, resigned, the resignation and appointment to go into effect October 1.

The vacancy created by William E. Martin resigning the clerkship of the Fifth Judicial District to accept that of the Third, has been filled by Judge William E. Pope appointing Carl M. Bird of Roswell to the vacancy.

Mr. Mitchell the retiring clerk, has, during his term of office, made numerous friends all over the district and Deming is no exception. He will retire bearing the well-wishes of a large number of friends in this city and county.

Mr. Martin the new appointee was for a number of years assistant superintendent of the territorial penitentiary. He is a good Spanish scholar and an expert accountant and well qualified to fill the duties of the office to which he has been appointed.

Territorial Fair

The Territorial Fair Association has appointed Col. D. K. B. Sellers envoy extraordinary to the Navajo Indians and it is expected that Colonel Sellers will leave in a dry or two for the reservation, where he will make arrangements for the biggest bunch of wild and woolly Indians that have ever been off their native desert. Word has been received from Sheriff Jim Elmer of Farmington, near the reservation, that a large number of Indians appear willing to make this long trip to Albuquerque to see the sights of the great fair, to held October 10-15 inclusive, and he also advises that they can be induced to give the celebrated sacred fire dance at that time. This dance has been seen by only a few white men as it ranks far ahead of the Mogi snake dance as a tribal religious function. The modus operandi of the dance is as follows: A mammoth fire built of pinon limbs is first started, and when the flames have reached the height of forty or more feet and the heat is like a white-hot furnace, the dance proper begins. The Indians are stripped, with the exception of animal skins around the loins, and their bodies are painted white with the native gypsum, found in the hills of the reservation. With curious wands in their hands they begin the dance to the beating of drums and the peculiar whirling of a native instrument which sounds very much like the tin can on a string of a small boy. The dance usually lasts several hours but in the exhibition to be given each night at the Fair only one or two of the movements will be executed. The most astonishing spectacle occurs about the middle of the dance, when, igniting long strips of cedar bark at the fire, they dance a round in close proximity to the flames with those blazing brands hanging down their backs, and this feature of the

dance is not completed until the brands are burned away. It would naturally be supposed that after having the flesh in direct contact with this blazing bark, severe burns would be the result, but on examination only a few minutes after the ordeal, no bad effects could be noted.

The Navajos explain this by saying that as the dance is to appease the fury of the Good Spirit, who is angered on account of various misdeeds of the Indians during the year, special protection is given them, providing they enter the dance without fear and carry out the severe trials of the dance with fortitude and bravery. The Navajos are in a specially good humor this year on account the heavy rains and resulting good crops, and so are willing to break all tribal precedents and give this dance off the Reservation. As this in all probability, will never happen again, it is certainly well worth considerable time, trouble and expense to any one to come to Albuquerque during Fair time to see it.

Colorado Bidders Would Build Dam.

Roswell, N. M.—Colorado contractors are the principal bidders for the work of constructing the Hondo government reservoir. Some of the bids follow:

Taylor-Moore Construction company Denver, six schedules, \$127,476.19; Whitescarver Construction company Trinidad, three schedules, \$79,035.50; W. W. Atkinson, Colorado Springs, six schedules \$238,890; Orman & Creek, Pueblo, six schedules, \$199,766.50; DeRemer & Olson, Denver, six schedules, \$957,091.50.

The work will be let in six sections. The cost of the reservoir will be \$250,000. It will be erected twelve miles from Roswell and will reclaim about 12,000 acres of the best land in the valley.

The protest of the Pecos Irrigation company against building the reservoir is being heard by a board of examiners consisting of Assistant Chief Engineer A. P. Davis, Consulting Engineer W. H. Sanders and B. M. Hall of the United States geological survey.

The bids were opened here and will be examined in Roswell by the commission. The commission will make decisions here that will practically decide the case. It is the contention of the ones who are in authority that the protest will amount to nothing and that dirt will be moving on the Hondo site in the near future.

Robbers at Work

The big safe in the Wells-Fargo Express office at Waldo, was successfully dynamited Friday night and \$25 stolen by unknown burglars. The job was cleverly executed, which is evidence they were experienced men at business. They left no clue as to their identity. Marshal McMillin arrested two men in Albuquerque on the suspicion that they were connected with the above crime, but upon investigation it was found they were not the guilty parties and were turned loose.

DEMING WATER WORKS

Col. Smith is Behind a \$50,000 Company. Has Just Returned From Chicago Where He Floated Bonds of the Company and its Immediate Construction is Assured

Deming is to have a water works system—a complete up-to-date system—to cost \$50,000.

Col. P. R. Smith of the Deming Real Estate Development company returned last week from Chicago where he negotiated the sale of bonds for the construction of said system, he was accompanied by Chicago parties interested who came to investigate the grounds and make arrangements to begin the work immediately.

For several years past companies have been endeavoring to give Deming a water works system but the project has never advanced much beyond the organization stage. The difficulty has been that the companies that have essayed the proposition have always found themselves unable to finance it. The Deming Real Estate and Development company, which will now put in the system, some time ago bought out the Deming Land and Water company which had made several unsuccessful attempts to give the city a water works and are now in possession of all the land and other property necessary to the successful accomplishment of their scheme which is to give to the city as good a water works system as can be found in any city of its size in the country.

Col. Smith in speaking of the matter said:

"We will give to Deming a complete and good system. As our company owns the principal part of the unoccupied real estate in Deming it will be greatly to the company's interests to establish a good system which will enable us to supply water to purchasers of lots and lands, and this will greatly

facilitate sales and enhance values.

"The system will consist of standard works with a stand pipe that will furnish seventy pound pressure. We have a shaft sunk to the water strata which is walled up in cement and brick and which is capable of furnishing 2,000,000 gallons of water every twenty-four hours. We also have already constructed a large ground tank with a capacity of twenty-five million gallons.

"The work on the plant is to commence in two weeks and we expect to have the system in operation in four months. The company owns much valuable real estate within and without the corporate limits of the town and expect such an improvement as a good water system will greatly boom the sale of real estate generally.

"The company also has other very important negotiations for improvements in prospect in Deming which are at present not in a condition to be made public."

Col. Smith, had been away from our town a long while, and this is what he has been doing, working energetically, as ever, for the advancement of Deming. There is no doubt that this great enterprise will meet with our support, for if there is anything we need more, it is a water works. Others have failed. But might not we ask ourselves, has it not been in part, our own fault for not giving it due encouragement? We think it will not only enhance the value of property, but of everything in the way of business. We hope that Col. Smith's efforts, be crowned with success.

MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE

Sixteenth of September Will be observed in Deming. Speech Making at the Opera House Will be Principal Feature of Program

September 16th is the anniversary of the Independence of Mexico and the Mexican colony in this place will celebrate the occasion with elaborate ceremonies. A special program has been arranged for both days 15th and 16th. On the night of the 15th, (the anniversary of the birthday of President Diaz) the celebration will begin. The National hymn, sung by a choir of young girls, will open the program of that night, at 10 p. m. The opening speech will be made by Marciano Rodriguez. Music will be rendered between the speeches and recitations, by the Delgado orchestra.

From 3 to 5 o'clock on the evening of the 16th there will be a number of patriotic speeches, and at 8:30 in the night of the same day, a grand ball will be given under the auspices of the organization known as La Junia Patriotica de Deming, of which Juan Garcia is president. They will expend any amount of money which they deem necessary to get up a creditable program.

The Man Roosevelt

Theodore Roosevelt is a product of the times. A man of the people, with the interest of the people at heart and with its interests in their hearts. He stands before the American people, daring to think for himself, willing to do, knowing that deeds, not words, are what the people desire. Mr. Roosevelt is not a tyrant, as some of his opponents would have us imagine. He is not a stern, harsh ruler, whose motto is rule or ruin. Mr. Roosevelt is a plain American citizen, a man rising from the boyhood of America, overcoming greater barriers than that of poverty, those of ill health and moderate wealth, passing through positions of continuously increasing responsibility and trust, in each proving himself worthy of the splendid name American. He is clean, manly, forceful, resourceful, magnetic and inspiring. He loves his work for work's sake, and, as Mr. Taft well says: "He is doing everything in his power to maintain his ideals." He is an American of the Americans, a man who trusts the American people, and a man whom the American people trust.

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Political Announcement

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